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Afghanistan Student Faces Deportation for CIA Defial

A Tujunga family Monday hoped for congressional intervention to prevent deportation of a former foreign exchange student who allegedly opposed Central Intelligence Agency activities in his native Afghanistan.

John (Abdul Latis) Hotaki, 35, faces banishment from the U.S. by midnight unless intervention materializes.

Hotaki's 23-year-old wife, Jana, and their two children are still undecided whether to accompany him if he is forced to return to Afghanistan.

Mrs. Hotaki said her husband received word that he must "voluntarily" leave the U.S. by midnight.

She said he has been given the choice of either returning to his native country or going to some other foreign nation that will admit him.

However, she said, the State Department impounded his passport on June 16, 1963, when he applied for permanent residency in the U.S.

Mrs. Hotaki said her husband's troubles with immigration authorities are rooted in August of 1957 when he arrived in the U.S. as a foreign exchange student.

She said he enrolled in agriculture classes at the California State College of Technology at San Luis Obispo and at the same time became involved in the Afghanistan Student Association of the U.S.

During that time, he claimed, various members of the association were approached by CIA agents seeking support for the seating of a prime minister in Afghanistan who was pro American.

Because Afghanistan is a small country (about the size of Switzerland) it has been traditionally neutral, said Mrs. Hotaki, and her husband held with that position.

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